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## FARMINGTON BOYS' JOYOUS HOME-COMING

### Board of Commerce Banquet Grand Example of Community Spirit of Farmington, The Home Town

It has been Farmington's boast for a long time that "we never do anything by halves." Well, we don't, but once in a great while we do things by "pairs" and once in a great "trio" while we do things by "fours," and at the annual banquet given under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce last Thursday night we did things "by five"—just to give good, full, pressed down and running over measure. If any one who attended the annual get-together complained of not getting their money's worth we have not learned of the fact.

Indeed it was a proud night for Farmington and this whole community. More than 250 representative business and professional men and farmers gathered at the handsome new parlors of the Methodist Episcopal church to enjoy an evening of good fellowship, and what a lot of it there seemed to be. Of course these gentlemen were accompanied by their good wives so far as possible for no community banquet would be complete without the women of the community who exercise such a wonderfully wholesome influence upon all the splendid things which makes for a bigger and finer community life. The banquet was served by the Ladies' Aid society of the church and in all its appointments was admirably carried out. The young ladies who served did so with ease and grace which added greatly to the enjoyment of the affair and the handsome tables with their snowy linen and sparkling silver, graced as they were with bouquets of handsome sweet peas, made the dining room a beaver of beauty.

Promptly at the appointed hour the assembled guests filed into the spacious dining room and found their places at the tables. Rev. Sidney D. Eva offered the invocation, and at its conclusion the following appetizing menu was served:

**MENU**

Pickles Olives  
Roast Pork with Dressing  
Mashed Potatoes Brown Gravy  
Brown Bread Rolls  
Cabbage Salad  
Fruit Salad  
Ice Cream Assorted Cake  
Coffee

After all had been served, and served bountifully, President T. H. McGee of the Farmington Chamber of Commerce, arose and in a few brief and appropriate remarks stated the aims and the purposes of the organization. It was not to take the place or to usurp the functions of the village council or the township board, but it was to act in co-operation with these organizations in promoting the welfare and the development of the whole community. Every growing, progressive community has need for such an organization and Mr. McGee invited the cordial cooperation of all the people in an effort to make it a success. He stated briefly some of the things the organization had already accomplished for Farmington and before concluding his remarks read the following telegram from Hon. Fred M. Warner, who with Mrs. Warner, is enjoying an outing in California:

Los Angeles, Cal. April 24, '22  
Farmington Board of Commerce:

"Wish all very successful banquet. Know it will be well served—ladies always do. Your best successful efforts now show new railway station, schools and cement road. Confidence and faith in the good old home town will always succeed. Find nothing better elsewhere. Best regards to all, especially to Judge Lamb and the McGee brothers."

The reading of this telegram was greeted with hearty applause, because all present realized it expressed the kindly sentiment of

one of Farmington's best friends, who had not forgotten his old home town though many miles away.

President McGee confessed that he was not responsible for the preparation of the program, nor for the presence of the distinguished speakers who had come from afar to meet and greet their old friends in the old home town. He introduced as the toastmaster of the evening Attorney Clinton McGee of Pontiac. Mr. McGee is a pretty busy man, but if he enjoyed being present and presiding as toastmaster as much as his hearers enjoyed his presence, he certainly had the time of his life. He expressed this appreciation at being able to be present and for the opportunity the meeting afforded to meet old friends of former days, and then indulged in a whole lot of pleasantries at the expense of his brothers which brought forth round after round of laughter and applause. He told some things as only young brother can tell them, and whether truth or fiction, they had the effect of provoking much merriment among the banquetees and the "victims" of his jokes and witticisms seemed to enjoy the fun as much as any one and when the merriment presented itself they "came back" with the general bachelor toastmaster to become uneasy at times.

The first number to be announced by the toastmaster was a vocal solo by Dr. Thad T. Smith, who is always a favorite with a Farmington audience. He sang "The Old Fashioned Town," to the delight of everyone and kindly responded to the hearty encore given. Mr. McGee expressed regret that Misses had prevented Helen Kennedy Snyder from filling her place on the program, being assigned to sing two solos.

The first speaker to be presented was Rev. Clyde McGee, pastor of Bethany Union Church, Chicago, Ill., whom the toastmaster referred to as "his better half," the gentlemen being twins. After responding graciously to the enthusiastic welcome given by his old friends and expressing his pleasure at being present to enjoy the evening of good fellowship with them he announced that he had chosen for his theme "The Hope of a Better Tomorrow," and for nearly an hour spoke eloquently and made a most impressive appeal for better conditions. The speaker declared there was but one way in which this better tomorrow could be brought about and that was by education—changing the minds and the manners of men.

Judge Fred S. Lamb, who taught in the Farmington schools a good many years ago, and who "went out" from Farmington and entered the legal profession and has made a most enviable record, was greeted most cordially as he arose to speak in response to the very cordial introduction of the toastmaster. He said he was very glad to get back to Farmington and because of his kindly feeling for the old home town he could not refuse the very cordial invitation extended to him to be present.

After speaking replete with a few more moments he announced his theme as "Citizenship," and called pointed attention to some of the danger posts which he had discerned as a judge. He declared we must return to the fundamental principles of government to the respect of governmental law and authority. He believed men were losing respect for the dignity of the laws of our state and of our government and were sneering at and trying to undermine the foundations of our constitution. Instead of being a unit in the defense of the Federal constitution, which he characterizes as having been given to us by its framers as a great plan and

which had now become a great system because of the changes that have taken place to meet the changed conditions our times. He declared his belief in the fact that if all citizens would lend their influence to the enforcement of the Eighteenth amendment for a period of one year—so the people could see just what the benefits would be—there could not be votes enough mustered against the proposition to fill a hat. But instead of standing firm for the law, about every other person seems to be side-stepping his duty toward its enforcement.

Rev. James McGee, pastor Calvary Baptist church at New Haven, Conn. was the last speaker and his address was indeed a classic. He was glad, of course, to be back to the old home town, and after expressing his thanks to the committee and his "compliment" to Brother Clinton, he began his splendid address, the central thought of which was "Living With People" and from those words he drew many vivid and interesting pictures, finally making the personal application which we will all do well to make at times—"How do people like to live with me?"

Dr. Smith sang again and Toastmaster McGee stated he would now turn the meeting over to Pastor Eva. Mr. Eva expressed his great appreciation for the efforts made by the speakers to fill their engagements and to the committee for their efforts in making the gathering such a marked success, and asked that a rising vote be given the honored guests of the evening and his request was readily responded to. The banquetees were then given an opportunity to meet personally our guests.

It was all a most enjoyable affair—full of inspiration and great incentive—and would have been a credit to any community, but fortunately for Farmington there are very few communities that can present such a program under similar conditions—five honored sons returning to honor the community which sent them forth.

And now that the happy event has passed shall we pass on to the community the ennobling inspiration that shall we give speed to the lofty sentiments expressed so that this community will receive some benefit from our fellowship together, or shall we fold our hands, and become like a sponge?

The banquet was a red-letter event in the history of Farmington and we should all strive for better and nobler things because it was our privilege to receive such stirring messages from "our boys" who have gone out into the large world and who came home being, hope and inspiration.

Cute Saying No. 3.  
A little four-year-old miss said: "Papa, will you take me out to the farm?" He said: "I'll see." To which the cute little girl replied: "I know when you say 'I'll see,' you mean no."

## MOTHERS' DAY PROCLAMATION (By the Governor.)

Following the beautiful custom which we have become familiar in recent years, the theme name a day, to be known as Mothers' Day, a day whose observance shall honor the memory of our departed mothers and pay a tribute of gratitude and affection to those who are still with us. In the watchful, tender care which guided our earliest footsteps, in the constant planning for our welfare and our happiness, in the unflinching love that has blessed us all through the years up to manhood and womanhood and that still blesses and cheers us, though it be but a dear memory, in these things we find abundant reason for humble and grateful acknowledgement of the debt we owe our mothers. They very name is a synonym for love and devotion and willing sacrifice.

Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Michigan, I do hereby designate and proclaim Sunday, May fourteenth, 1922, as Mothers' Day, and I call upon our people, both old and young, to gather in their several places of worship and take part in services appropriate to the day.

And let absent sons and daughters take this occasion to visit the mother in the old home, or where such a visit is possible, let them send a message of cheer and greeting.

In accordance with a resolution of the Congress of the United States, I further request the people of Michigan on the day aforesaid to display the United States flag in their homes and in other suitable places, as a fitting expression to their desire to pay homage to American motherhood.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State this Twenty-seventh day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-two, and of the Commonwealth the eighty-sixth.

An Enjoyable Time.

Just as was anticipated the triangular birthday party given by Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Steffens in honor of their three sons, Elmer, Arthur and H. J. Jr., at their home in Farmington Sunday was a real joyous event. About twenty guests were present from Detroit, Redford and Farmington. A beautiful dinner was served after which nearly all present went to Detroit and attended the ball game. In the evening another real feast of good things was served, at which time it did beautiful three-story birthday cake was cut. A photographer was on hand and a picture of the three sons, the cake and a family group was taken. In leaving for their respective homes the guests were unflinchingly in the presence of Mr. and Mrs. Steffens as entertainers and the most heartily wished concerned many returns of the happy day.

Miss Cairn's Birthday.

About twelve friends gathered at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Cairn, and assisted Miss Sarah Cairn to celebrate her birthday anniversary. An elegant supper was served and a most enjoyable evening.

That "Divorce Case."

The "Peck vs. Peck" make believe divorce case to be given in the M. E. community hall on two evenings of this week by the Missionary Circle No. 3, gives promise of being something out of the ordinary and good. The ladies of the cast have put in a lot of time in practice and you know that when the ladies start something they always win out, all married men know this and others who find it out. Seriously we undertake a proposition put their energy into it and the result is always what they start out to make it. Therefore you are convinced this "Divorce Case" will be one of the best entertainments and the promoters deserve a substantial patronage as the proceeds go toward swelling the building fund of the M. E. church. Don't forget the dates, Friday and Saturday evenings, May 5th and 6th. Make it a point to be there one night, and better still, go both nights.

Island Park Pavilion.

The management of the Island Park pavilion takes pleasure in announcing dancing parties will be held at Island Lake, near Brighton, Mich., during the season of 1922 as follows:

Every Saturday evening from May 6th to June 10th including holiday parties on May 29th and 30th.

Every Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings from June 16th to September 4th with holiday parties July 3rd and 4th.

Dancing—9:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

Free radio concert every evening before dancing.

Mr. Fischer and his famous orchestra.

Former Farmington Man Dead.

The Steele family motored to Ovid, Mich., Monday to attend the funeral of their cousin, Wells Baldwin, whose death followed an operation in an Ovid hospital Friday, April 28. Mr. Baldwin was formerly a resident of Farmington where he had many friends who regret to learn of his death. At one time he was an employee of the D. U. R., and a year ago worked with Cloyes Steele at painting and decorating. He is survived by wife, a sister and brother at Ovid, a brother in Detroit, and one in California.

## MRS. WM. MAAS IN AUTO WRECK

### Car Leaves Road, Turns Over, Injuring Four Occupants One Severely

There was a serious auto accident on the cement road at the Fendt corners south of Farmington Sunday evening. There were four people in the car; at the time of the accident, all of whom were more or less injured, one of the victims is confined to his bed as a result of the car leaving the road and turning over several times, due to a defect in the steering gear.

Mrs. William Maas, of this village, her father, David Werner, her two brothers, Louis and Glenn, were the occupants of the car. The party had been to Farmington to spend the day and were on their way back to the home of Mr. Werner, some 11 miles from Ann Arbor, when the accident occurred about 7 in the evening. Louis fell out as the car made one of its turn-overs while the rest of the party were yet in the car when it landed right side up.

Mrs. Maas had been assisting with the house work at the home of her father and the party came here for the day and were on their way back to pack up the household goods preparatory to the Werners coming to Farmington to live. They are here now but a little sooner than they expected and they are congratulating themselves upon being fortunate to have escaped death or a more serious injury. Another daughter of Mr. Werner is doing the packing and he will have no need now to go back as he has sold his farm.

Thanks, D. U. R.

The Enterprise believes in giving credit to whom credit is due. This week a cartage company procured sufficiently to deliver a package to Detroit too late to come out on the freight car. The package in question being a roller for our newspaper press it was necessary that we get it before the car came out again. So we took the matter up with the officials and they sent it out on a passenger car, and we are indeed thankful to them for this favor.

Radically speaking, Eisenlord's electrical shop is a good place to get information and advice regarding radiography. They have supplies at right prices.

Herman Kreager has been hired by the Farmington business men to execute the duties of night watchman in the business district and went on duty Friday night.

The "Busy Workers" of the Clarenceville cemetery association will hold their annual meeting at the home of Mrs. F. P. Bostford, Thursday afternoon, May 11th, with a pot-luck supper. Everybody welcome.

Mrs. Anna Miller, who resides in the room over the electric shop, left Monday for New York where she expects to stay about six months. Dr. Aschenbrenner has rented her rooms furnished, and his sister came Sunday evening to keep house for him.

The friends of Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Miller are pleased to note that the doctor's health has improved to such an extent that they will remain in Farmington instead of moving to Cass Lake for the summer as has been reported.

## Trooper Roberts in Action.

Trooper Roberts of the local squad of the state police, has done a pretty good stroke of "business" the past week. He found Edward McCaabe trying to navigate a truck while "hooped" and took him before Judge Thayer who assessed him \$50 fine with trimmings amounting to \$10 more; next in line for "promotion" was Russell Allen who was too full for utterance yet trying to pilot a loaded truck along Grand River avenue and Roberts took him before Justice LeFevre at Clarenceville, who thought the offense was worth \$50 fine and \$10 costs. Several speeders have been brought upon the carpet, too, this week.

Miss Winifred Walling spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Will Page.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Green visited his brother, John Green and family at Detroit, recently.

Steffens' cash and carry ice station is now ready to supply your wants in that line.

The Ford Sales Service reports the sale of 24 Ford cars and eight Fordson tractors last week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Wendt, Mrs. E. M. Johnson and Mrs. Harry Bullen were guests Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Clark.

Miss Gladys Thornton of Ypsilanti, will spend the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Thornton.

Dancing Friday night, May 5, at the Cenequa Shores pavilion, Walled Lake. Good music.

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Saturday, Miss Helen Bradley and brother, Mahlon, went to Detroit and accompanied their sister, Eva to see "The Intimate Stranger" played by Billie Burke.

The Easter pageant given at the Baptist church of Novi, Easter night, will be repeated in the Baptist church at Wixom next Sunday night May 7th, and no service will be held in Novi in the evening. Regular services in the morning.

## NOTES OF THE CHURCHES

**THE METHODIST PARISH**  
—Farmington—  
10:30 "What is a Church."  
7:30 "Everybody seems to be going somewhere; where are they going?" Special railroad men's service.

—North Farmington—  
2:00 Preaching service.  
3:00 Sunday School.

—Clarenceville—  
10:30 Preaching service. Rev. W. W. Dale, preacher.  
11:45 Sunday School.  
7:30. Evenig service.  
Sidney D. Eva, Pastor.  
W. W. Dale, Associate Pastor.

First Baptist Church Notes.  
Sunday morning at 10:30 Dr. H. H. Ford will preach on the subject: "Christ became obedient through suffering."  
At 12 o'clock Bible school. We have a thoroughly organized up-to-date school and invite all who are not connected with any other Sunday school to come.  
Dr. Ford's evening subject at 7:30 is: "The final result of sin."  
Wednesday evening, May 10th, at 8 o'clock Dr. H. C. Gleiss of Detroit, will complete the organization of the church. All who desire to unite as charter members are urged to be present at that time.

**Universalist Church.**  
10:30 Worship and sermon. Dr. Beresford will preach. Subject: "The religion of the radio, marvels mechanical, moral and spiritual."  
12:00 Sunday school and adult Bible class.

Salem Evangelical Church Notes.  
J. BOLLENS, Pastor.  
Services will be conducted at the church every Sunday morning at 10:30. Sunday school at 11:45. At 2 p. m. next Sunday, May 7th, there will be services in Clarenceville.  
English services will be held on Sunday evening, May 14th at 7:30.